

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending in the present application.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants respectfully request entry of amendments to claims 1 and 18.

In claim 1, the definition of L₂ has been amended to include "a direct bond." Support for this amendment is found in the definition of L₂ in original claims 13-15 and 18. Support for this amendment is also found in the definition of L₂ in the original specification on page 12, lines 1-2.

Claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 16.

The amendments to claims 1 and 18 do not go beyond the disclosure in the original specification, and no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

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